

WILLOWBROOK DEATH IS LAID TO INFECTION

An 18-year-old blind youth died Monday at Willowbrook Development Center for the Mentally Retarded, and it was later discovered that he was killed by an infection caused by a table knife lodged in his rectum.

The boy's death is being investigated by the police, but the new director of Willowbrook, Harold C. Piepenbrink, said preliminary inquiries had produced no indication that anyone other than the boy was involved.

According to Dr. Michael Baden of the city Medical Examiner's office, the youth, José Antonio Toro, had been ill with a fever for a few days prior to his death at Willowbrook. He had been a patient there for 12 years.

Dr. Baden said the boy was born normal, but had become unmanageable after a rare form of cancer caused him to go blind.